Mr. Brigham is not, I believe, an officer of the Framingham Abn. Soy. the present year. He has previously been the Presd. of two societies here. If they get a decidedly able edr. for the proposed paper to be published at Albany, I shall wish to take it, — certainly, until after the Presd. Election. If a man is not a political abolitionist, when his duties call upon him to act politically, he is good for nothing — I say nothing as to those who do not feel it a duty to vote — or rather feel it a duty not to go to the polls.

I suppose you will go to N. Y. in May. I should be glad of all the correspondence in reference to political action and the subject generally that you may judge to be useful to me and to this enterprise. Letters cheer me, strengthen me.

Excuse the haste with which I have written, and believe me with great consideration truly & affectionately,

Yours, L. K.

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Framingham,
Ms. April 15

Elizur Wright Jr. to read &c.
~~Rev Amos A. Phelps,~~
~~1st Free Congregational Church,~~
~~Boston~~

a day on which people expect to be at leisure, and of course would attend. It might possibly be in connection with some Sabbath School celebration. Say in our meetinghouse. If the movement is made in season, a most suitable man might be selected to deliver the oration. Some man of celebrity who would draw a large auditory. By the way, Mr. George Trask would draw a good auditory. If Patten Johnson, Dea L. Haven and some others did not still nourish too much hatred towards Rev. Mr. Trask, he might be a good man for us. I do not know how Mr. Brigham would feel as to having Mr. Trask. And all that should be considered. But you & Mr. Wright, Edr. Abt. would know the best men to suggest to Mr. P. Johnson, Mr. Brigham, Edmund McCahen, Chs. & M. Parkhurst, Eben Eaton, to be engaged as orators for the occasion. If Mr. E. Wright can set the Johnsons, father & son to work the right way, with a reasonable prospect of accomplishing something valuable, I shall be very glad. I should not trouble you about this point, but the suggestions for an abolitionist address on the 4th of July coming from Mr. Wright, Rev. Mr. Lee, head quarters, will have greater effect here, than any thing I can say or do. It will be best that Framingham abolitionists should not think or expect, that Mr. Lawson Kingsbury, knows, or has any thing to do about affairs. And silence and prudence in reference to myself, will be best, for other reasons, my position in reference to the political parties, &c &c. I am connected, by confidence & a little correspondence with the greatest spirit in the land. I do not belong to the Abolitionist socy. But I watch to keep them all in the traces. I am sorry, Mr. Phelps, to trouble you. I perceive, as I think, that your labors are arduous & your engagements various. If you wish me to correspond with Mr. E. Wright on the Abolitionist subject, I will write him in a private confidential way, should Mr. Wright first address me, by mail, suggesting any matters, or making inquiries to which he wishes me to attend, from time to time. If Judge Birney accepts, means should be immediately taken to make him made known to the country. The excitement for Gen. Harrison is wholly artificial. There can not be any enthusiasm for him.

As for Mr. Brigham, I am more & more wearied, & mortified for him. He recently suffered his nose to be put out of joint at a temperance meeting. I tried to aid him by my own suggestions. The difference between Mr. Brigham and such a pastor as is needed for my people is this. Rev. Mr. Brigham is only a great, good boy, that says his lesson fairly in a town school, when we need an efficient school-master of tact, boldness, eloquence & address. Besides, there are circumstances in his case, that are doing more hurt than he can do good.

are little better than opposed to Abolitionism. Dr. Hoyt, the Vice-President was decidedly opposed. To be sure, he has contributed a little, but he has no heart in the work. The whirl of our political parties will draw nearly all of our professed abolitionists into its vortex. John J. Marshall, treasurer of the soc.y will probably carry the Harrison ticket. I have strong doubts about Potter Johnson. But I have a more serious matter for you to think of. His son Chs. P. Johnson, acting as an agent of the State abolition society, talks with our politicians: complains that the Albany convention made a nomination for the Presidency. If C. P. Johnson is an acknowledged agent of the society and opposes the abolitionist nominations, it not only does hurt, but it tends to bring the conscientious abolitionists who must support the Anti S. nominations, & who can not carry the political party vote into greater odium with the political partisans, and compels the most conscientious to be the principal targets for obloquy. C. P. Johnson tells me that he is going to attend the annual meeting of the American Soc.y at N. Y. in May, for this State Abolition Soc.y It seems to me that Mr. Wright & the soc.y ought to know what sort of a young man, they are placing confidence in. C. P. Johnson may vote right there. But if the society are to pay the expenses of the delegates they select to go to N. York, they might easily take those, or some one from this region, who would have far more influence, and be more valuable to the cause, who are yet not men of classical education. If the society can make use of Mr. C. P. Johnson I am satisfied. But he has so little influence here & is so vicious that as a lecturer or agent, he is only calculated to bring the cause & abolitionists into contempt or neglect. He was graduated at Amherst, last commencement. I should not think that a man, who has not age, judgement or ability, to commence a professional course, or at some permanent school or be efficient in some desirable situation, can be best calculated for active & faithful service in the Anti-Slave. Enterprise.

But I have still another suggestion to present. We might and ought to have an Anti-Slavery oration here on the next 4th of July. The subject is especially appropriate to the day on which our national independence is celebrated. I think

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Framingham, Ap. 14th 1840.

Rev. A. A. Phelps.

Dear Sir:—

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Mr. Cobb, a minister of the Universalist denomination, and editor of a paper published at Waltham, delivered a lecture on slavery in our town-hall, in the evening of last Sabbath. The weather was very unfavorable and he had scarcely any auditory. His lecture, in my poor judgment, was a good one. It was well reasoned. He has a superior voice. Mr. Cobb has been very acceptable here as a temperance lecturer. His style & manner are particularly well suited to reach & affect a large class of minds; and considering too his acquaintance in all this region, he is probably as well fitted to labor here on this subject, as any man that could well be selected. Again. There is an universalist society here, with whom Mr. Cobb must have influence. The universalists in this neighborhood take hold of moral questions far better than the unitarians. Mr. Cobb gave notice that he should give another lecture here, in the course of the next week I think, naming the evening. His labors may give, as I hope, a new impulse to the cause in this village. There is great need of this. Our Abolitionist So.y is little better than dead. Patten Johnson, the Prest. of this Ab.t So.y, was the only officer present at Mr. Cobb's lecture. Mr. Brigham gave notice of the lecture, but he did not attend. Mr. Cobb might accomplish much here for this enterprise. But there is one little difficulty in his way. Mr. J. O. Skinner, the present minister of this Universalist So.y is an Abolitionist who gives his sympathies to the Massachusetts Anti-S. So.y. I expect that Mr. Skinner is a Garrison man. There are some others in this town. Two or three of Mr. Brigham's chh. who are abolitionists, are opposed to the new society. If Mr. Cobb should not move or turn Mr. J. O. Skinner, another So.y may, by-&-by, be formed here, auxiliary to the Mass. A.-S. So.y. Some such movement may possibly galvanise our nominal Abolitionists into some action. Of course, you will treat this confidentially. To say nothing of members generally, some of the officers of our Ab.n society